

You must be a monthly account holder to access certain e-Government services through the *Vermont.Gov* portal.

To register, read all the information carefully, complete and sign this agreement along with any additional forms required to subscribe to a service and return it to us at the following address:

**Vermont Information Consortium, LLC** 

535 Stone Cutters Way 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Suite 2

Montpelier, Vermont 05602

The annual *Vermont.Gov* subscription fee is \$75.00 and is billed to your monthly account with your first month's invoice for usage. Thereafter, the annual renewal is \$75.00 and is billed to your monthly account automatically.

In addition to a subscription, certain *Vermont.Gov* services have secondary registration, annual use, statutory and/or transaction usage fees associated with them. Please note that some services require additional forms and approvals. These forms, and information on all fees, are provided as an attachment to this registration agreement or on the associated Internet pages. Any statutory or usage fees are billed on a monthly basis; annual subscription and/or secondary registration fees will be billed on the first month's invoice.

If you have any questions regarding information contained within this agreement, please contact Vermont Information Consortium, LLC, which manages the services for *Vermont.gov*, at 802-229-4171 or email portal-support@vermont.nicusa.com.

### Section 1: Signing up is easy. . .

- 1) You will need a computer with a modem or other Internet connectivity hardware, Internet software and an Internet service provider.
- 2) Sign and return this Agreement to the address above. Upon receipt of the signed and completed agreement, Vermont Information Consortium will notify you of receipt of the agreement and provide passwords, if applicable. When you receive confirmation or notification, you may begin using our services for which there is a fee immediately. Email addresses for users are required to receive electronic notification. You will be billed on a monthly basis for your monthly account usage if applicable.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of Vermont Information Consortium, LLC's <i>Vermont.gov</i> Monthly Account Holder (if applicable) and Registration Agreement as presented.		For Office Use Only  VIC Account Number		
CUSTOMER SIGNATURE – sign here				
Signature	Date	Classification		
		VIC Signature		
Name ( of a fault)	T'0.		General Manager	
Name (printed)	Title	Date		



# **Section 2: Subscriber Information** Organization Name: Mailing **Address** Attention: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address: City/State/Zip:\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing For Billing -- Please Select One: All usage fees incurred will be totaled and **Address** billed monthly. (If different from above) **☐** Monthly Manual Invoice (Sent via U.S. Mail to billing address listed above) ■ Auto Check Option (Usage fees are deducted from checking account monthly) Bank Name \_\_\_\_\_ Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to be notified when we have new online services? ☐ No ☐ Yes, e-mail to main contact e-mail address given ☐ Yes, e-mail to other: \_\_\_\_\_



The above service(s) allow for up to 10 user IDs/Passwords. Please list each individual who is to have access to the requested service(s). You must register each user first, and then complete the following user designation information.

More users may be added by purchasing another registration. For more than 10 users, please contact Vermont Information Consortium.

Name(s) to be registered to account: (max. 10 users per account – For-fee Services only) (Monthly Account Signer must also be listed here to obtain user name and password.)					
	Name (e.g. John Public)	E-Mail Address	User ID (e.g. jpublic)		
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## Section 3: Vermont Information Consortium Subscription Service Agreement

The Monthly account holder and Vermont Information Consortium, the Portal Manager for *Vermont.gov*, contract for the provision of services from *Vermont.gov* to Monthly account holder as per the Terms and Conditions below. Vermont Information Consortium provides on-line access, from terminals or personal computers, to a number of Vermont.gov databases with related services. Monthly account holder wishes to use the services made available by Vermont Information Consortium through Vermont.gov.

### Terms and Conditions

- 1. This agreement sets forth the terms and conditions under which Vermont Information Consortium will provide services to Monthly account holder.
- Vermont Information Consortium reserves the right to withdraw any service without consulting Monthly
  account holder prior to withdrawing such service and shall have no liability whatsoever to Monthly
  account holder in connection with deletion of any such service.
- 3. Monthly account holder acknowledges that he/she has read this Agreement and agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement between the parties, superseding all other communications, oral or written. This agreement, and other notices provided to Monthly account holder by Vermont Information Consortium, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. This agreement may be modified only by written amendment signed by the parties except as otherwise provided for in this paragraph. In the event Monthly account holder issues a purchase order or other instrument covering the services herein specified, it is understood and agreed that it is for Monthly account holder's internal purposes only and shall in no way modify, add to, or delete any of the terms and conditions in this Agreement.

### 4. Conditions of Use

- a. Hours of Service: Service will be provided on a non-guaranteed basis seven days per week (Sunday through Saturday), twenty-four (24) hours per day, excluding scheduled maintenance as designated from time to time by Vermont Information Consortium in its sole discretion.
- b. ID/Account Numbers: Vermont Information Consortium will issue to the Monthly account holder a maximum of 10 ID/account numbers per annual fee. Monthly account holder is responsible for preserving the secrecy of his/her account numbers and to ensure that access to services and use of his/her ID/account numbers are controlled by him/her and that, in those instances where a purchase order provides time and/or dollar and/or database limitations, use of the system does not exceed those limitations. Monthly account holder is liable for any and all charges for services to his/her ID/account numbers whether or not authorized by Monthly account holder.
- c. Access: Monthly account holder is solely responsible for the selection and procurement of any equipment and communication lines.
- d. Copyright and Ownership of Information: Monthly account holder agrees to comply with any copyright notices or other limitation on use applicable to services, databases, or other information provided through Vermont Information Consortium and Vermont gov services.
- e. Use of information: Monthly account holder agrees to abide by all applicable use statements and requirements outlined for access of information or services through Vermont Information Consortium. Monthly account holder recognizes that each transaction and statement of use will be logged and retained for the purpose of reference by Vermont Information Consortium.
- f. Subscription and/or online services may require compliance with additional terms and conditions and execution of additional agreements and/or addenda to this Agreement in order for Monthly account holder to have access to those services.

### 5. Payment

- a. Invoices for all services rendered will be prepared by Vermont Information Consortium and provided by Vermont Information Consortium to Monthly account holder. Rates shall be in accordance with the current Vermont.gov rate schedule. Terms of invoice payment shall be net twenty (20) days.
- b. In addition to the rates contained herein, Monthly account holder shall pay Vermont Information Consortium for all sales, use, and excise taxes incurred by Vermont Information Consortium in providing services to Monthly account holder if applicable. Vermont Information Consortium makes no representations as to the liability or exemption from liability of the Monthly account holder to any tax imposed by any governmental entity.



- c. Past due invoices will be subject to a delinquency charge of 1.5% per month of the amount in arrears, or the legal limit, whichever is less. Monthly account holder agrees to pay all costs of collection of delinquent accounts, including reasonable attorney's fees, as permitted by law.
- d. Payment Options: (Monthly account holder selects one)
  - Auto Check Option Financial Institution automatically deducts amount of usage and filing fees including any annual, monthly or quarterly subscription fees out of checking account monthly.
  - ii. Monthly Invoice Vermont Information Consortium bills monthly account holder monthly usage and filing fees and bills on the appropriate month for any annual, monthly or quarterly subscription fees.
  - iii. Credit Card Option Account Holder pays the amount of usage and filing fees, including any annual, monthly, or quarterly subscription fees, upon presentment of statement of charges by billing service for Vermont Information Consortium using a credit card. Note: Vermont Information Consortium will not store account holders' credit card information. Account holders who wish to use the Credit Card Option must call monthly to pay account fees via credit card. Payment terms as described above apply.
- e. Default: An account is in default if it is past due or if Monthly account holder should declare a bankruptcy or insolvency. In the event of default, Vermont Information Consortium may, at its sole option, block the Monthly account holder from use of the account either temporarily or until the past due amount is paid or permanently, regardless of payment. Not exercising this option at any particular time or degree of delinquency does not prevent Vermont Information Consortium from exercising this option at any other time or degree of delinquency.

### 6. Limitation of Liability

- a. The remedies set forth in this Agreement are exclusive and in no event shall Vermont Information Consortium, its directors, officers, agents, or employees be liable for special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages, including, but not limited to, lost income or lost revenues, whether such damages arise out of breach of contract, negligence, strict liability, or any other theory of liability such damages shall in any event be limited to the charges paid for the previous month by Monthly account holder for the services in connection with which a claim of liability is asserted or imposed.
- b. Monthly account holder agrees that Vermont Information Consortium will not be liable for any claim or demand of any nature or kind whether asserted against Vermont Information Consortium or against Monthly account holder by any third party, arising out of the services or materials provided or their use; Monthly account holder agrees to indemnify and hold Vermont Information Consortium harmless from claims of third parties arising out of the Monthly account holder's use of the services or materials provided pursuant to this Agreement.
- c. Vermont Information Consortium shall not be liable for or deemed to be in default for any delays or failure in performance or interruption of service.
- d. No action or suit, regardless of form, other than an action for payments due Vermont Information Consortium, arising out of the transactions pursuant to this Agreement may be brought by either party more than one year after the cause of the action accrues.
- e. Vermont Information Consortium, the State of Vermont, county and local government agencies and universities, professional associations and all other parties who may from time to time provide information for access on *Vermont.gov* or through Vermont Information Consortium shall at no time be liable for any errors in or omissions from information available on *Vermont.gov* or through Vermont Information Consortium

#### Warranty

- a. Vermont Information Consortium makes no warranties express or implied, including but not limited to the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for any particular purpose. While Vermont Information Consortium and its suppliers strive for accuracy and completeness of data and services furnished pursuant to this Agreement, no warranty or representation as to accuracy or completeness is made or implied.
- b. Monthly account holder warrants that it is aware of and will comply with all applicable federal, state, or other laws with regard to access to or use of any and all information, databases, programs, or other products to which access is provided by or through Vermont Information Consortium

### 8. Rate/Fee Changes



- a. Rates/Fees are as set forth in the Monthly Account Service Agreement insert and are established by Vermont Information Consortium in its sole discretion (unless this Agreement is a fixed term agreement as detailed in Paragraph 8b below.)
- b. The parties may enter into a fixed-term agreement setting forth a set rate/fee for a specified term. Any such agreement will be evidenced and detailed in writing.

### 9. Renewals

User accounts renew annually automatically on the last day of their anniversary month unless Vermont Information Consortium is notified in writing to the contrary. Some accounts may have an annual renewal that is not based on anniversary date and those accounts will automatically renew on a predetermined calendar period (i.e. January of every year). The appropriate annual fee will be applied in the billing for that month.

#### 10. Limitations

- a. Under no circumstances may Monthly account holder, or any other party acting by or through Monthly account holder or using Monthly account holder's ID/account number(s), use data received from or through Vermont Information Consortium or Vermont.gov in any way except in full and complete compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, or other laws and regulations.
- b. Monthly account holder specifically recognizes and affirms that he/she, or any other party acting by or through Monthly account holder or using Monthly account holder's ID/account number(s), will comply with all applicable provisions of all federal and state laws governing privacy and information dissemination as a requestor of public information.
- c. Monthly account holder understands that his/her Vermont Information Consortium or Vermont.gov service privileges may be terminated for a violation of this Agreement or of an applicable federal, state, local or other law or regulation, and further that he/she may be prosecuted for such violations.
- d. Monthly account holder agrees not to tamper with, alter, or change in any fashion any databases or programs made available to Monthly account holder by Vermont Information Consortium or through *Vermont.gov*.
- e. Monthly account holder acknowledges that records of its access to for-fee Services will be maintained by Vermont Information Consortium and are subject to audit and examination for compliance with applicable limitations on use.

### 11. Tradename / Trademark

Monthly account holder agrees that he/she will not use the trademarks "Vermont Information Consortium" or "Vermont.gov" or any of Vermont.gov's or Vermont Information Consortium's services identified in any fashion unless specifically authorized to do so in writing by Vermont Information Consortium.

#### 12. General

- a. Authority: Each party has full power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement, and the person signing on behalf of each party has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into the Agreement. Each party further acknowledges that he/she has read this Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by it.
- b. Waiver: The waiver, modification, or failure to insist by Vermont Information Consortium on any of these terms or conditions, shall not void, waive, or modify any of the other terms or conditions nor be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of Vermont Information Consortium's right to performance of any such term or terms.
- c. Severability: If any provision or part of the Agreement shall be declared illegal, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
- d. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Vermont as such laws are applied to contracts made and to be performed entirely in Vermont, and all actions hereunder shall be brought in a federal or state court of competent jurisdiction in Vermont and in no other jurisdiction.
- e. Assignment: This Agreement is not assignable or transferable by Monthly account holder and any attempted assignment or transfer shall be null and void and of no force or effect. Vermont Information Consortium may assign this Agreement and/or the payments due to Vermont Information Consortium without notice to or requirement for Monthly account holder's permission or approval.



13. Vermont Information Consortium LLC, a Vermont limited liability company, manages *Vermont.gov* and the day-to-day operations and activities of the portal under one or more contracts with the State of Vermont.



### Section 4: Select Online Services

Please select the Online Services to which you or your organization would like to have access by checking the appropriate box. Please note that certain services require additional forms and approvals.

### □ Online Access to Vermont DMV – Drivers History Report

The Online Driver's History provides access to Vermont Department of Motor Vehicle Driver History information. Authorized users pay an annual \$75.00 fee per monthly account and \$13.00 for each record requested. Access to Drivers History Information is provided through Vermont Information Consortium in cooperation with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles and is governed by the Federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act of 2000 (DPPA).

In order to use this service, you must be a registered Vermont Information Consortium user. To receive the personal information section contained in the Motor Vehicle Record, a registered user must complete an Agreement as to the Driver Privacy Protection Policy, State of Vermont, Department of Motor Vehicles with DMV in addition to this registration form. You may obtain DMV's Agreement as to the Driver Privacy Protection Policy from Vermont Information Consortium.

### ☐ Online Access to Vermont Criminal Convictions Records

The Online Criminal Convictions Records service provides access to Vermont Department of Public Safety criminal conviction histories. Authorized users pay an annual \$75.00 fee per account plus the cost of a record. Access to Criminal Conviction Information is provided through Vermont Information Consortium in cooperation with the Vermont Department of Public Safety, Vermont Criminal Information Center.